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QUOTE S E C R E T ANKARA 4997

EXDIS: MILITARY ADDRESSEES HANDLE AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

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SUBJECT: GREEK REINTEGRATION INTO NATO

REF: ANKARA 4981 (DTG 070835Z JUL 78)

1. DURING CALL JULY 7 GREEK FIRST SECRETARY KATSAREAS
TOLD EMBOFF THAT ATHENS HAD ASKED HIS EMBASSY TO FIND
OUT WHETHER THE US HAD CARRIED OUT THE "AGREEMENT"
REGARDING AMBASSADOR SPIERS' TALKING WITH THE TURKISH
GOVERNMENT ON GREEK REINTEGRATION INTO NATO. EMBOFF
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REPLIED THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAD INDEED TAKEN THE MATTER
UP WITH THE TURKS. WE HAD TOLD THE TURKS THAT THE US
STRONGLY SUPPORTED GREEK RE-ENTRY AND THAT WE HOPED AND
TRUSTED THAT THE GOT SHARED OUR VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE
OF THIS OBJECTIVE. WE HAD MADE THE FURTHER POINT THAT WE
HOPED THAT THE TURKS WOULD APPROACH THIS ISSUE WITH THIS
OVERRIDING INTEREST IN MIND WHEN THE MATTER WAS RAISED

IN THE PROPER NATO FORUM.

2. KATSAREAS ASKED SPECIFICALLY WHETHER WE HAD URGED THE TURKS TO SUPPORT THE AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN GENERAL HAIG AND GENERAL DAVOS. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT WE OURSELVES WERE NOT FULLY BRIEFED ON THE DETAILS OF THAT AGREEMENT. THE AMBASSADOR HAD SIMPLY STRESSED THAT WE HOPED THE TURKS WOULD LOOK AT THE AGREEMENT WITH AN OPEN MIND AND THAT THEY WOULD WORK TOWARD A SPEEDY RESOLUTION OF THIS QUESTION. KATSAREAS ASKED SEVERAL TIMES WHETHER WE HAD GOTTEN AN ANSWER FROM THE TURKS. EMBOFF TOLD HIM WE HAD NOT ASKED FOR AN ANSWER, AND THAT WE PRESUMED THE TURKISH REPLY WOULD BE EVIDENT WHEN WE SAW HOW THEY APPROACHED THE ISSUE IN THE NATO CONTEXT.

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